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In re Application of :  
Raymond F. Ayala, et al. :  
Application No. 09/892,596 : **ON PETITION**  
Filed: June 27, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. NORTH-444A/A-2341 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 9, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed October 4, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 5, 2004.

Receipt is acknowledged of the IDS and the Terminal Disclaimer filed with the instant petition.

The petition satisfies the requirement of 37 CFR 1.137 (b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the petition filed June 9, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600, Art Unit 2635 for further processing.

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